

FABULOUS SUNDAYS

New Sunday School members reported: 1,031

Group to lay groundwork for South American task

A task force of eight Mississippians will begin leaving Saturday for South America for a fact-finding and planning visit relating to Mississippi Baptist's partnership in missions venture with Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Six of the eight will leave Saturday. They are Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. Kelly; Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department; Don McGregor, editor of the *Baptist Record*; and Jason Carlisle, furloughing missionary to Uruguay who will serve as United States coordinator for the project.

Two others will join the group on Tuesday. They are Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and James F. Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Also joining the group on Tuesday will be Ben Bedford, field representative for eastern South America, who will be the coordinator for the three South America missions, and James Cecil, Foreign Mission Board staff member who will be involved in overall project design.

Traveling in South America with the group will be missionaries on the field who will coordinate efforts in their own missions. In Argentina the coordinator will be Bill Malone. Jimmy Spann will be the coordinator in Uruguay, and Ken Watkins is chairman of the Paraguay mission.

The group will be laying the groundwork for Mississippi Baptist involvement directly in missions work in the three countries. Needs will be surveyed and priorities established, Kelly indicated. "When we return we will be able to tell Mississippi Baptists what the areas are in which they can be of assistance in advancing the cause of Christ in those nations," he said. "There is no question but that many Mississippians can be profitably involved in sharing Christ in these areas. We feel that many fields of expertise will be needed. This will present a particular opportunity for laymen to use their skills in vocational efforts and at the same time present a personal witness of Christ."

Miss Patterson will return to Jackson on March 20, and the remainder of the Mississippi group will return early on the morning of March 23. While they are traveling the members of the group will visit Asuncion, Paraguay; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, Rosario, Santa Fe, San Juan, Mendoza,

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WMU meeting will have youth slant

Marsha Herrod, Bob Dent, Jr., and the Mississippi College BSU Choir will give the younger slant to missions involvement at the WMU Convention at Parkway Church, Jackson, March 23-25.

Miss Herrod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herrod of Eupora, is a member of the fifth Acteens National Advisory Panel. One of six chosen to the panel from a field of approximately 150, she will share on Tuesday afternoon what Acteens means to her life.

Bob Dent, Jr. will tell about his experiences as a journeyman school teacher in Liberia for two years. He is the son of Mrs. Pattie Dent, president of Mississippi WMU, and the late Robert Dent, Sr., of Holly Springs. He will speak Monday evening.

Under the direction of L. Graham Smith, associate pastor at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, the BSU

sent a missions musical, "The Living Witnesses," written by Rich Cook and Allene Bledsoe. Members of the choir, which will be a part of the Tuesday evening session, are Laurie Bailey, Teresa Magee, Alicia Smith, Myrtle Griffis, Stephanie Hook, Daniel Hall, John Langworthy, Kevin Peacock, Ronnie Smith, Mike Heilman, Simeon Nix and Tommy Searcy. The lighting team is Steve Jordan and Gary May.

Convention sessions begin Monday evening at 6:45, Tuesday morning at 9:15, Tuesday afternoon at 1:15, Tuesday evening at 6:45, and Wednesday morning at 9:15. Mississippi WMU welcomes everyone who wishes to be a part of these missions experiences.

This work is people product

"Religious education must be understood as a product of people," said Phil Briggs to participants during the annual Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

The group met Feb. 19-21 at Biloxi with Briggs, professor of youth education at Southwestern Seminary as a program leader. The meeting was designed for inspiration and fellowship for Mississippi's religious education personnel, including teachers, and church staffers who work in all age ranges.

One specialty session for ministers of education brought up the subject of the sidelining of ministers of education. Charles Lowrey, director of church programs for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, reported comments from Lyle Schaller, a church growth expert.

Schaller, said Lowrey, said that when a church now considers a second staff member, they consider adding a minister of outreach and evangelism. "It was my impression that that's what I was," said Lowrey who has spent about 30 years in religious education. "Pastors and others no longer see us as outreach and evangelism," he said.

"We have become so enamored with the business end of the church program that, friend, it's eating your lunch," said Lowrey, who figures business.

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From left foreground are Dan Hall, director of the Church Music department; Marjean Patterson, director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; Don McGregor, editor of the *Baptist Record*; Ben Bedford, field representative for East South America (FMB); Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Jason Carlisle, coordinator of the Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina project; Ted Stanton, missionary to Argentina; and James Yates, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Professors to be among doctrine seminar leaders

Two seminary professors who will be among seminar leaders for Baptist Doctrine Study, 1981 are L. Russ Bush, III, of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Billy E. Simmons of New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.



Bush Simmons

The purpose of the seminars will be to train pastors and others to teach the book, *The Doctrine of the Church*, in their own churches.

Ten preview seminars will be held around the state on March 23 and 24. All of them, on both days, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m.

Places of meeting and seminar leaders: March 23 — First Church, West Point, Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview Church, Columbus, leader; First Church, Laurel, Russell Bush, leader; Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, James Heflin, pastor of First, Greenville, leader; Jackson County Baptist Associational office, Billy E. Simmons, leader; Copiah Baptist Associational office, Jack Glaze, professor at Mississippi College, leader. March 24 — West Heights Church, Pontotoc, Gene Henderson, leader; Lauderdale Baptist Associational office, Russell Bush, leader; Attala Baptist Associational Office, James Heflin, leader; Hindsboro Church, Gulfport, Billy E. Simmons, leader; Washington Baptist Associational office, Jack Glaze.

Church, seeks to accomplish two things, according to its author, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex. It seeks to magnify the unique Baptist persuasion that the church is always to be a believers' church, and to examine the various facets of church life and organization. The book explains the origin of the church, describes the nature of the church, examines the mission of the church, discusses the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and takes a look at the future of the church.

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Income reaches \$2,093,832

Mississippi Baptists' first budget ever to call for more than \$1 million per month was almost on target after two months of this year as the total reached \$2,093,832. The budget for the two-month period would be \$2,109,167, meaning a shortage of only \$15,335 for the period, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"This is the second year in a row that missions gifts have been more than \$2 million for the first two months of the year," he said. "This is surely an encouraging sign for the year ahead."

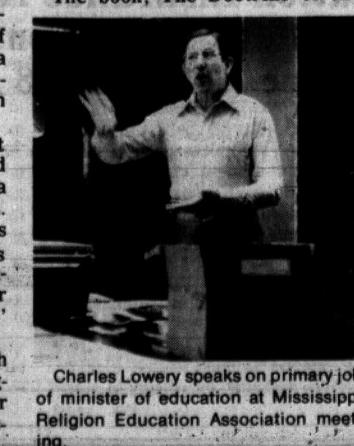
The income for February was \$971,195, which was \$33,388 short of the pro rata share of the budget for a month. The January gifts, however, were \$1,122,637, which pushed the total above the \$2 million figure.

The annual budget is \$12,655,000, or \$1,057,583.30 per month.

The January missions income, though above that required for the budget, was \$98,650 below that of the same month of 1980, when a new record for missions giving was established temporarily. The February gifts were \$42,983 above those of the same month of a year ago. That leaves the total gifts for the year \$1,666 below those of a year ago.

The first two months income for 1980 was \$2,149,508.

"The experience of having missions gifts go past \$2 million for two months for the second year is thrilling," Kelly said. "We must remember, however, that 1981's budget calls for more than \$1 million for every month. If we are to meet our commitments for witnessing in our own state, across our nation, and around the world, this must continue to be our experience with even some additional income. Witnessing is not easy or cheap. We must meet the challenge."



Charles Lowrey speaks on primary job of minister of education at Mississippi Religion Education Association meeting.

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CLC seminar plans debate

Christian right versus congressman it helped beat

A free-wheeling confrontation between a former congressman and the director of a new religious right organization which worked for his defeat will highlight a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission seminar on the use and abuse of power March 23-25 in Dallas, Tex.

Former eight-term Republican congressman and Southern Baptist minister John Buchanan will square off against Gary Jarmin, executive director of Christian Voice, in a discussion of appropriate citizenship for Christians.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, said the confrontation between Buchanan and Jarmin is expected to focus on the basis differences between Christians who have long been involved in serving God through the political process and Christians who have recently come to

prominence supporting a narrow range of political, economic, and ideological special interests.

Other speakers will address power as it relates to race relations, women, individual human rights, war and peace, civil religion, the Bible and the First Amendment.

Minette Drumwright, author and wife of the executive director for Arkansas Baptists will speak on Christians women and former United Nations

Ambassador Andrew Young will speak on race relations.

John Henry Faulk, McCarty era "blacklist" victim and a regular on the syndicated television program *Hee Haw*, will speak on power and the First Amendment.

Robert Bellah, recognized as the foremost authority on civil religion will explore power and civil religion from a sociologist's perspective.

Robert G. Bratcher, translator for the

American Bible Society's Good News for Modern Man, will speak on biblical authority for the church's prophetic role.

Each session will begin with a sermon by L. D. Johnson, chaplain at Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

William L. Hendricks, professor of theology at Golden Gate Seminary, will deliver the keynote address.

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Bringing home missions 'home'

By Patti Stephenson

ATLANTA, Ga. — Modern-day Christians regard Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus to Roman authorities for 30 pieces of silver as an act of treachery.

But today, almost 2000 years after the fact, pastor Clarence Cannon hopes to symbolically transform that act of betrayal into an act of love. As Cannon's church, Central Baptist in Lawrenceville, Ga., prepared to observe the Week of Prayer for Home

Missions, March 1-8, each church family received a letter.

These letters urged members to pray for home missions and to contribute toward the \$17,250,000 national goal for the 1981 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

"We encouraged them to fill the bag with dimes, quarters, silver dollars — whatever the Lord leads them to give," Cannon says. The church will this week hold a special service where members bring their filled bags to the

altar and commit themselves to sharing Christ in their own community.

Other Baptist churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have also found unique ways to increase an awareness of missions needs among their members. Take First Baptist Church of Americus, Ga., for instance.

Last year, during a week of prayer observance, pastor Roy DeBrand collected 400 patient identification bands from a local hospital. Each carried the

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Church leaks, floor has holes

Bogue Chitto Baptist Church is in bad shape. The roof leaks, the floor has holes in it, the closet-size classrooms have cardboard for walls.

Says Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi, what the building really needs is to "jack it up, haul it away, and put down a new one."

Haggan, who has been missionary to the Choctaws for 15 years, explains that most of the 19 Choctaw churches which form the New Choctaw Baptist Association, cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, are in "rough shape."

The Bogue Chitto church, outside Philadelphia, meets in a building erected in the 1930's. It began as a mission in "grandpa's house," according to Frank Henry, a layman and member of the church's building committee. Henry, who works as a public health advisor with the Choctaw Health Center, says the church has about \$2,000 in the building fund.

What he and Haggan and a group from his church are willing to do is visit other churches to talk about Choctaw history, and Choctaw Baptist history and about the needs in the area, and to sing and entertain. Their pastor is Homer Gibson, retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Those interested in hearing more about the Choctaw work may write Henry at Box 411, Philadelphia, Miss. 39350; or write Haggan at Box 242, Philadelphia, Miss. 39300.



This is the nursery at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

Rash of church-state bills introduced in new Congress

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — Supporters of school prayer and tuition tax credits introduced an avalanche of legislation during the first weeks of the 97th Congress.

At least 17 bills dealing with school prayer and 20 related to tuition tax credits were introduced before the new Congress took its first recess in February. But chances for passage of such church-state legislation or other bills with moral implications remain uncertain, and in many cases doubtful.

School prayer proponents, in the previous Congress, are pushing their goal along three tracks. They have introduced six bills to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts, including the Supreme Court, in school prayer cases. Five constitutional amendments on school prayer have been proposed along with five resolutions expressing the "sense of Congress" that periods of silence in public schools are permitted under the Constitution.

In addition to a number of proposals permitting tuition tax credits for parents of students attending private and parochial schools, several bills have been introduced which allow tax deductions for education saving accounts. The proposals would apply to tuition paid to private elementary and secondary schools, as well as colleges, though some are not directed at all

three categories.

President Reagan's spoken support for tuition tax credits increases the likelihood the House Ways and Means Committee will take action on the controversial issue, a committee spokesman told Baptist Press.

But the spokesman quickly noted tuition tax credits were not included in the first major tax package Reagan sent to Congress and predicted that chances for passage of the measure "may depend on how hard he pushes for it."

Two other proposed changes in tax laws which may affect U.S. churches and families are more likely to get

Panola churches plan to begin Enid Lake Mission

Panola County Baptists are working together to establish a mission at Enid Lake, according to G. E. Jolley, director of missions' First Church, Batesville, who has voted to sponsor the mission.

Land for the mission site is to be bought. Howard Armstrong, who has been called as pastor, is providing a 12 x 60 mobile home so that worship services may begin soon.

"The association has asked all 26 of its churches to help buy the land (\$5,000), plus other beginning expenses, probably \$1,200 to \$1,500," Jolley said. "This is Bold Mission Thrust right here in our association."

"Responses from the churches have already started coming in," he added. "Some individuals have made donations. At this time we have in cash and pledges about \$3,800." Later the churches will also furnish teachers, as well as chairs and other items for the classrooms.

Indiana controversy**Board upholds censure; pledges press freedom**

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — The censure and subsequent resignation of Indiana Baptist editor Gene Medaris was upheld by the Executive Board of the State Convention in Indiana during a three-hour discussion Feb. 23.

During the session, the board said the censure applies only to Medaris; does not prohibit any future editor from "freely fulfilling" his job description, and also does not give "censorship powers" to Executive Director R. V. Haygood.

The 31-member board — which functions as the convention between annual sessions — accepted a report from its five-member executive committee on its actions in the Jan. 23 censure of Medaris for "breach of loyalty to the executive director and executive board," and in accepting on Feb. 2 his resignation as editor of the 9,500-circulation weekly tabloid.

Board members in effect ratified the action by overwhelmingly voting down a resolution presented by J. R. Jones of Cornersville, which called for the executive board to "override" the censure resolution, publicly apologize to Medaris and to establish a state convention study committee to assure "future editors of the state paper shall have reasonable journalistic freedom and editorial control."

Medaris, 51, was censured after he published a letter to the editor, questioning the use of money from Fund 58 to purchase a car and a television for E. Harmon Moore, who retired as executive director Dec. 31. Medaris withheld the name of the letter's author. Moore has since been named interim editor.

The resolution of censure termed the letters "controversial" and said they

"created disharmony." It instructed Medaris to "share controversial letters or issues" with Haygood "before printing."

According to David Simpson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of New Whiteland and chairman of the board, the censure was issued because Medaris did not answer the question, and thus failed to provide a "supportive service of information, inspiration and encouragement."

Simpson added: "The primary issue involved was a repeated poor exercise of judgment on the part of the editor. This problem has existed for a far longer period than the last two months."

Haygood told Baptist Press: "The censure was a reprimand, a reprimand of only one editor at one time and was not intended to give the executive director censorship powers. It was an effort to implore the editor to work with his executive director."

Don Lauer, a medical doctor who is a member of Speedway Baptist Church, expressed dissatisfaction with the procedure of airing the issue, as well as the outcome.

"People left the meeting resolving to work together, but understanding there is still some disagreement about the matter," he said.

Lauer, author of the unsigned letter which initiated the controversy, defended Medaris. "None of us has any evidence of long-time poor judgment from Gene's part. I know of no one even mildly displeased with the paper. Gene has spoken well on current events and attacked issues in editorials. He is widely appreciated throughout the state."

Lauer's primary displeasure was

that the executive board "did not personally interview all parties involved, and do independent fact finding" in the controversy.

Jackson doctor, deacon dies

David J. VanLandingham, 67, a medical doctor, of 2348 Lake Circle Drive, Jackson, died Sunday, March 1, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

He is survived by his wife, Leatrice A. VanLandingham; two sons, David J. VanLandingham Jr. of Pascagoula, Paul D. VanLandingham of Jackson; a daughter, Rebecca L. Waugh of Woodstock, Vt.; two brothers, Zach J. VanLandingham of Hilton Head, S.C., Jack J. VanLandingham of Jackson; a sister, Charlotte Triplett of Jackson; three grandchildren.

He was graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine and had practiced internal medicine in Jackson since 1949.

He was a deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and was a past president of the Baptist Medical and Dental Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also had served short-term missions in Gaza and Bangladesh.

He was a former president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association and was a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Memorials can be made to the Mississippi Heart Association or to any medical mission.

Northwest exec's son found shot

DALLAS (BP) — David Alan Sims, 27, the son of Cecil Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention, was found shot to death in his apartment Feb. 26.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner has ruled the death a suicide. Young Sims reportedly left a suicide note.

The elder Sims said his son suffered a severe emotional breakdown five years ago while attending the University of Washington, but the family thought he was making a satisfactory recovery.

The family has requested contributions be made in David Sims' name to the Northwest Center of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Ore.

No one can look down on you unless you are down there to be looked down on.

Doctrine study . . .

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Russell Bush, III, was born in Mississippi. At Southwestern Seminary, he is assistant professor of philosophy of religion. He earned a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Ph.D. degree from Southwestern, and has done additional study at North Texas State University. He is co-author, with Tom Nettles, of the book, *Baptists and the Bible*.

Billy E. Simmons, born in Leesville, La., is associate professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary. He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Th.D. from New Orleans Seminary. His pastorate were in Mississippi and Texas. The two in Mississippi were at Washington Church, Greene County, and Bogue Chitto Church, Pike County. Simmons is the author of five books and many articles.

"European churches not exempt from problems"

By John Alexander

NOTE: John Alexander, director of the department of stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spent four months in Europe during the fall of 1980, leading spiritual emphases in the churches of the European Baptist Convention. This was done during his sabbatical leave. This article is the first of a series.

The European Baptist Convention is composed of 41 English language congregations located in ten countries of Europe. To understand the vast land area served by the EBC, draw a line from Ontario, Canada, to Miami, Florida, to Los Angeles, California. This triangle is the approximate size of the territory served by the European Baptist Convention.

The congregations range in size from 50 to several hundred. Only seven of the 49 congregations own their church buildings. The rest rent space in commercial buildings, from a national congregation, or a very few churches meet in chapel facilities on military reservations.

These churches are Southern Baptist congregations served by Southern Baptist pastors. They use Southern Baptist literature and give to the major mission offerings as well as through the Cooperative Program of the EBC. Several of the congregations have worked with local German Baptist churches in designing buildings that will accommodate both congregations simultaneously, and both congregations contribute to paying for the facilities as well as the cost of utilities. Each congregation has its own pastor.

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The membership of the churches is almost all American military personnel and their families. A few nationals attend.

Churches everywhere in the world have problems. European churches are not exempt. Finances are a contributing problem for some churches. Other churches have done a good job of teaching and committing their members to give. A second problem relates to the turnover in membership. Most military people are assigned to Europe for a period of three years.

When a military base has a major change in personnel, it can create real problems for the leadership in financing of the church. A third problem relates to trained leadership. Many of the military people have become Christians, or had a deepening of their spiritual lives while in Europe. They

have had little or no training or leadership experience in churches in the states. Therefore, they have a continuing need for training.

Pastors — some retired, some missionaries who have had visa problems, and others who go from the states to pastor, sign an agreement to stay a minimum of three years. Many stay longer. It is quite expensive to fly a pastor and his family to Europe, so the Convention feels they should be willing to spend at least three years in an EBC pastorate. When the three years is complete, the church has put aside funds to fly the pastor home if he desires to return to the States.

Very nice and fully-furnished houses or apartments are provided by most of the churches. All a pastor needs to take when he moves overseas is clothing, personal items and books. Most churches provide a liberal travel allowance to help the pastor purchase and operate an automobile. Pastors there do what a good pastor does here.

Since most military people are younger and away from parents and grandparents, the older pastors and their wives are looked on by the congregations as parents and grandparents. You will never be loved or appreciated more anywhere in the world than in a place of service in a European Baptist church.

The European Baptist Convention has offices in Wiesbaden, West Germany. With an annual budget of under \$200,000, they have one full-time employee and a part-time secretary. John W. Merritt of Hattiesburg is the executive secretary. Merritt was a missionary in Italy before becoming executive secretary. He is a progressive and wise leader as he assists the churches and convention in working through their problems. The EBC is fortunate to have his ability and great spirit available to them.

In an effort to provide technical assistance and training to the churches, the Convention has rented an apartment in Wiesbaden and set up a travel account to bring from the states people who have expertise in various areas of church life. My wife and I were privileged to be the first couple involved in this new venture.

We traveled in 15 countries, spoke 91 times in 23 congregations to over 4,000 people in a period of four months. We found the churches open and willing to learn and involve themselves in new ventures to strengthen their membership and ministry.

In almost every church we found one or more young men saying, "God has called me to preach, and I need help." Some of America's finest are serving in Europe and they work, pray, visit, and give to maintain a viable Southern Baptist witness in an area where multiplied thousands of Americans live every day on the very edge of eternity.

Gulfshore: get ready, get set . . .

The time is here for making plans — and reservations — for summer conferences at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Procedures for making reservations are generally the same as in previous years. Participants make direct contact with Gulfshore for reservations.

for any particular conference and contact the program leader for specific information about the conference itself.

This year senior adults get special treatment. This summer introduces a "Uniform Retreat Cost for Senior Adults." Gulfshore manager Frank

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Simmons explained that for all senior adult retreats, there will be a single, all inclusive charge of \$78. This includes all meals and lodging. There are also youth conference package plans.

Reservation procedure is simple. All housing reservation requests must be

Date
MAY
10-22

(A program of Bible study, preaching, fellowship and conferences to meet the spiritual and development needs of senior adults)

I-Senior Adult Retreat

"Celebrate - Yesterday - Today and - Tomorrow" For young and median singles — never married and formerly married)

II Senior Adult Retreat

(See program description for May 18-22)

May
20-June 2

I-Youth Conference
(Youth Weeks involve young people in activities such as Bible study, worship, missions, evangelism, fellowship and afternoon recreation)

II Youth Conference

(Same as I-Youth Conference)

III Youth Conference

(Same as I-Youth Conference)

IV-Youth Conference

(Same as I-Youth Conference)

V-Youth Conference

(Same as I-Youth Conference)

VI-Youth Conference

(Same as I-Youth Conference)

VI-Youth Conference

June
20-July 3

Family Enrichment Conference
("Help For The Whole Family" — A "family week" for all family members — all ages and groups. Conferences: worship; family day)

Pastor/Church Staff Conference

(To provide fellowship, inspiration, training and skill development for all church staff and their families)

Church Recreation Conference

(A Bible centered program to equip pastors, staff members and volunteers with skills in administering a church recreation program in any church)

Youth Choral and Instrumental Retreat

(Opportunities for youth in handbell ringing, wind instruments, choral singing, and spiritual growth)

Young Musicians Conference

(For children who have finished grades four, five and six by June 1, 81)

Youth Choir Retreat

(Opportunities for youth in individual choir rehearsals, combined choir singing, music classes, and spiritual growth. For youth choirs — by invitation. If interested contact the CMD)

Youth Music Conference

(Opportunities for youth in mass choral singing, music training classes, handbell ringing, and spiritual growth)

Music Leadership Conference

(For all persons with music leadership responsibility and their spouses)

I Sunday School Leadership Conference

(All leadership conferences will provide training and motivation for officers, teachers, Bible study and ways to enlarge the Sunday School will be

30-August 1

II Sunday School Leadership Conference
(Same as I-Sunday School Conference)

3-5

III Sunday School Leadership Conference
(Same as I-Sunday School Conference)

6-12

IV Associational Sunday School Officers Conference
(A training conference to teach the "Basic" Books to associational teams)

12-15

Youth Disciple Conference
(To provide personal preparation, witness training and spiritual development for Senior High youth who desire discipleship instruction)

12-15

Church Training Leadership Conference
(Program to (1) equip church training leaders to lead effectively (2) equip associational officers to perform their responsibilities)

12-15

Special Education Workshop
(A conference for mentally retarded persons, their parents and leaders)

17-21

III Senior Adult Retreat
(See program description for May 18-22)

Robyn Nichols

Dan Hall

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Meets set on 'how to get people to come to Church Training'

Stanley Howell of the Sunday School Board's Church Training department along with department personnel from Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama join special workers of the Mississippi Church Training department in a series of nineteen "How To Get People To Come To Church Training" Conferences in South Mississippi, in March and April.

These conferences, primarily in the southern area of the state, will concentrate on proven growth methods along with updating those who attend on the latest developments in Church Training.

Interpretations will be made of MasterLife, DiscipleLife, Survival Kit for New Christians, the "church growth" content of 1981-82 Youth and Adult cur-

riculum materials, DiscipleYouth, and the 1982 projection for Baptist Doctrine Study, and other developments.

Primary emphasis will be on how to organize for effective enlistment and how to plan a promotional and publicity program to enroll more church members in the program of the church which seeks to fulfill the biblical admonition of "equipping God's people for Christian discipleship."

Scheduled for conferences on March 30 are Gulf Coast, George, Jones, Copiah, Covington-Jeff Davis, Pearl River, Pike, and Marion Associations.

On March 31, Jackson, Greene, Perry, Lincoln, Walthall, Lamar, Mississippi, and Lawrence Associations

will meet.

Winston Association will conduct a growth conference on March 23, while Lebanon and Lauderdale are set for April 6.

Conference leaders include Bob Holley and Gerald Jackson of Arkansas; Ken Mooney of Louisiana; Don Mauldin of Tennessee; and John Sawyer of Tennessee; along with Howell of the Sunday School Board.

Special workers leading these conferences will be James Webster of Parkway Church, Jackson; David Lee of Commission Road Church, Long Beach; Norman Rodgers of the Mississippi Church Training department; and Bill Hardy of First Church, Columbus.



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za. and Cordoba, Argentina.

In Argentina there are 26,000 Baptists in 300 churches with 270 national pastors. There are 63 missionaries, a theological seminary, 11 book stores, and a new communications building that is under construction. The National Mission Board has missionaries serving in many locations, and a new Bible institute has been started. Roman Catholicism is the official religion.

Paraguay has 3,100 Baptists in 30 churches with 27 national pastors. There are 37 missionaries. Roman Catholicism is the largest religious group, and Baptist work was begun by an Argentinian. There is a Baptist hospital and a nursing school that has students from Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, and Honduras. Baptists have a theological institute in Asuncion.

In Uruguay, Roman Catholicism is the major faith, but there are few that practice any religious faith at all. There are 2,229 Baptists in 38 churches with 36 national pastors. There are 32 missionaries, a four-year theological institute in Uruguay, and Montevideo has a Baptist communications center. Three-fourths of the population lives within 60 miles of Montevideo, but there are 60 cities with 5,000 or more people that have no Baptist work.

The Mississippians who are missionaries in the three countries are Mrs. Mark M. Alexander Jr. of Argentina, Ronald H. Ballard and Mr. and

Mrs. Jimmy Barrentine of Paraguay, and Paul Roaten and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Carlisle of Uruguay.

Bedford repeated an earlier statement that one of the hopes for the four-year endeavor is to help the churches of eastern South America break the "50-member" barrier. It will be first and foremost a spiritual contribution, he said, and will center on evangelism and church development. He added that this effort might give the stronger South American churches the idea of helping the weaker ones in their own countries or others.

The largest of the three nations is Argentina with 30 million population. In size Argentina is equal to the United States east of the Mississippi River. One-third of the population lives around Buenos Aires. The four provinces with the largest population are Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Santa Fe, and Entre Rios. The one with the largest number of evangelicals is Misiones. The Baptists in Argentina come mainly from the middle class, Bedford

said.

Washington (EP) — Among the many changes being made at the White House by President Ronald Reagan is the elimination of a presidential assistant for religious liaison. According to a spokeswoman for Elizabeth Dole, assistant to the president for public liaison, White House Relations with the nation's religious communities will be reassigned to an office with a larger agenda.

Gulfshore Senior Adult retreats to feature missions personnel



Myers Robertson

Michael D. Robertson, Lewis I. Myers, and J. Paul Vandercook, three persons directly involved in missions, will lead general conferences during two of three Senior Adult Retreats at Gulfshore this summer.

During the retreats scheduled May 18-21 and May 25-29, one general conference period each day is designed to present opportunities for personal involvement of senior adults in missions.

Mike Robertson, assistant director of the special mission ministries de-

partment of the Home Mission Board, will be the primary resource person for one week and Lewis Myers, director of program development, office of overseas operations, with the Foreign Mission Board, will be the primary resource person for the other.

Paul Vandercook, who has served on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in language ministries since 1975, will be resource person for one session each of the two weeks.

Paul Harrell, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood department, is the coordinator of this missions emphasis. He serves along with Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women's consultant of the state Woman's Missionary Union, and Kermit S. King, senior adult consultant and director of the Church Training department, as co-directors for both retreats.

In his assignment at the Home Mission Board, Robertson recruits, processes, selects and assigns volunteers for the Christian Service Corps.

Myers, a native of Mississippi, was a career mission appointee of the Foreign Mission Board, serving in Vietnam from 1960 until forced to evacuate in 1975.

Tuition tax credit bill introduced in U.S. Senate

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — A comprehensive tuition tax credit proposal which has tacit Reagan Administration support has been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del. Packwood is a Unitarian, Moynihan a Catholic, and Roth an Episcopalian.

Packwood said the Administration "isn't doing this bill," but said the

"has reserved the right to negotiate on the specifics to fit its economic goals."

Packwood's proposal calls for a credit against federal taxes owed for 50 percent of tuition payments up to a maximum of \$500. It covers tuition for private elementary and secondary schools, private and public colleges and vocational schools.

Specifically, the proposal would allow a credit of up to \$250 for full-time undergraduate, vocational, elemen-

tary and secondary students by August, 1982; a credit of up to \$500 for the same students by August, 1983; and an extension of the full credit to graduate students and half-time students at colleges and vocational students by August, 1984.

Baptists have traditionally opposed tuition tax credits, primarily because they see them as a violation of the church-state separation mandated by the Constitution's First Amendment.

Moynihan challenged the church-state separation argument used by opponents of the proposal, declaring that constitutionality of a proposal isn't settled "until the Supreme Court has ruled."

"Do it, and let the court decide," the New York senator said.

Clinic set for kindergarten-day care staff

An annual kindergarten-day care clinic will take place March 28 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

The clinic, sponsored by the Church Administration — General Ministries — is planned by Jane Stone, the department's consultant in early childhood education, also retired director of kindergarten at Broadmoor church.

Program personnel include Janet Kemp, director of the Preschool Education Center at New Orleans Seminary; plus Doris Rouse, Mary Ann Jacobs, Shirley Oglesby, Wilma Lowe, and Sarah Harrel.

Rouse is a kindergarten teacher in Nashville. Jacobs is kindergarten director at Northside Church, Clinton. Oglesby is preschool director at Parkway Church, Jackson. Lowe is former childhood development director at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

And Harrel is kindergarten-day care director at Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson.

Sessions for curriculum planning by age groups and for special interests will be provided. Special interest topics include music, play and playgrounds, art and teacher-made teaching aids, creative discipline, moral and spiritual development, and "after school" and "mother's day out."

The Baptist Bookstore will have a sales office open at the church.

The clinic begins at 8 a.m., March 28 with registration and concludes at 4 p.m.

Early registration is encouraged. Write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Baptist schools play tourneys

By Marjean Patterson, Director, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

During the past week Mississippi College hosted state tournaments for all the women's basketball teams in Mississippi colleges and universities.

Entered in the small college tournaments were teams representing Blue Mountain College and William Carey College. Though I was unable to see the Blue Mountain team play, I understand that they played a strong game, finally losing by two points. I did see the Carey team play twice and was excited over their accomplishments.

On Saturday night Carey played Rust College for the championship among teams in the smaller colleges. The ladies from Carey played well and emerged as the championship team.

The large college championship game was between Mississippi College and Delta State. As a season-ticket holder to Lady Chocs games (and an avid fan), I'll have to admit a slight bias toward Mississippi College! Delta State beat Mississippi College by three points in a very exciting athletic event.

Of course there are Baptist girls on the teams of most of our state colleges and universities and I am glad for all their successes. At the same time, it seems to me that it is rather dramatic that two of our Baptist institutions will be represented in regional tournaments during the next few days.

The Carey ladies, coached by Bobby Halford, and the Lady Chocs, coached by Durward Smith, deserve our congratulations and support.

This work is product of people . . .

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iness administration duties of ministers of education can take up to 80 percent of their time. "The significant calling of the minister of education is going wanting."

In the area of growth, Lowery said a refocus is necessary in the Sunday School area specifically, toward outreach and growth projects. One new enrollee, he said, incidentally, will equal an additional \$342 in the offering plate.

He said a look at a church's history

Anyone can nominate SBC pages

The Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood department has been asked to send in the name of an older Royal Ambassador Pioneer as a nominee to serve as a Page for the Southern Baptist Convention in California June 8-11.

Twelve boys will be chosen from the names turned in from all the state conventions. It will be necessary for the boy or his church to supply \$100 to defray Page expense.

Guidelines following are minimum requirements: 1. Pages must be from grades 10-12 in school. The boy may have graduated in June from high school. 2. Pages must have earned at least two Service Aide Awards. 3. Boys may serve only one year as a Page. 4. A fee of \$100 must be paid for each boy with the Brotherhood Commission paying the balance.

Anyone who is qualified and interested should turn in his name, and indicate whether he or his church will be paying the \$100 in case he is chosen. Please send to: Russell Griffin, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

A clinic set for kindergarten-day care staff

Two phases of a "Singles Encounter" at First Baptist Church, Jackson, are set in March.

The first is a series of services at the church, Mar. 8-11, with Charlie Baker, pastor of University Heights Baptist Church, Stillwater, Okla., preaching during regular Sunday services and each night at 7 p.m. Baker is former associate pastor at First. Music will be led by Byron Cutrer of Gainesville, Ga. Child care will be available.

On March 9, there will be a singles luncheon at the church at noon.

The second phase of "Singles Encounter" will be a retreat at Roosevelt State Park, near Morton, beginning at 8 p.m., March 20, concluding at 10:30 a.m., March 22. Participants need to bring linens, and Bibles.

T. W. Hunt will be retreat leader. Cost is \$27 plus \$3 for transportation needed. Deadline for registration is March 18.

For more information phone First Church, Jackson, at 948-6780.

Liquor is a way of life for many and a way of death for some.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the dimensions.

The friends we appreciate most are those who borrow our books and set wet-glasses on them.

Congressman

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clude James M. Dunn, executive di-

rector of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, on church-state sep-

aration, and director of the Institute for Policy Studies, discussing peace;

Ernest Campbell, author and preacher from New York, on the Christian pulpit and secular power; and Daniel Vestal, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Mid-

land, Tex., on power in church and com-

munity.

Roger Lovette, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clemson, S.C., will deliver the concluding sermon.

Persons wishing to register for the three-day national conference may write to the Christian Life Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn., 37219. Registration is \$30 per person and \$15 for spouses and students.

Bringing home missions

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name of a missionary and the place where he or she is assigned. Members were asked to wear the bands for a month as reminders to pray for those missionaries.

DeBrand says, "It raised a lot of questions because friends would notice the band and say, 'I didn't know you'd been in the hospital.' So our members could say, 'I haven't, but let me tell you why I'm wearing this.'

Many members also wrote to their "adopted" missionaries. They shared their replies with the congregation. Though the pastor says "we never mentioned the amount of our goal, just concentrated on prayer," the church gave more than they ever had before.

At Trinity Baptist Church in Wauhilliant, Okla., last year, 120 members of this nearly three-year-old congregation focused on missions needs with the help of a United States map and their own imaginations.

Trinity's pastor, L. B. Flanigan, describes how the church went over its \$520 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal.

"We let members adopt a state," he says. "We took a map and cut all the states apart, and then we passed these out in the offering plates. Each state

had a week of prayer."

Says Flanigan, "I've found that our people are more interested and give more sacrificially when we bring home missions home to them."

(WMU/HMB)

(Patti Stephenson is a part-time staff writer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.)

Mississippi Baptist Activities

March 8	Home Mission Day in Sunday School (SS)
March 9	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
March 10	9-10 Personal Growth Conference; Baptist Building, Jackson; 2 p.m., 9th-Noon, 10th (CAPM)
March 11	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Hattiesburg; 10 a.m.-12 Noon/Baptist Building, Jackson; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
March 12	State VBS Clinic; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (SS)
March 13	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; Baptist Building, Jackson; 10 a.m.-12 Noon (WMU)
	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Batesville; 10 a.m.-12 Noon and 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
	13-14 State Handbell Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 6 p.m., 13th-2:30 p.m., 14th (CM)

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Editorials

South Bronx . . .

How great the need

Sunday is Home Mission Day in Sunday School, and perhaps New York City is as good an example of the need for home mission work as can be found. The metropolitan area of New York takes in 28 counties that includes New York City, Long Island, northern New Jersey, the lower Hudson Valley, and southwestern Connecticut. In this area live 20 million people, seven million of whom have no church relationship.

New York City itself has a population of seven million, and one out of six are Spanish-speaking. Because of the headquarters of the United Nations there, one can hear 50 languages being spoken in the streets of the city by people from 150 nations. It has been noted that very likely at no time in history have so many nations been represented and so many languages spoken in one city.

Catholics are the largest religious group in the metropolitan area, and there are more Roman Catholics there than in Rome. There are as many Jews (three million) as there are in Israel.

Protestants are losing ground. All of the Protestant denominations combined have lost 300,000 members during the past 20 years. Baptists have

been in the area for 300 years, but there are few Baptist churches with large memberships.

Southern Baptists came into the area in 1957. Churches were organized in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and in the six states of New England. From that beginning an association was launched. The work has grown to the extent that there is an association for the metropolitan New York area with 152 congregations. The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association has 98 organized churches and 54 missions, chapels, and centers. Its congregations minister in 15 languages. The total membership is now 16,000 in the association.

The state convention was formed in 1969 and has a membership of 20,000.

There are Southern Baptist churches in all five of the boroughs of New York City. Also there are many churches in the suburban counties surrounding the city. Half of the congregations are either non-white or non-English speaking. The average membership is 100, but a few churches have more than 500 members. None has as many as 1,000.

All of this is an indication of great success, but the work has just begun.

The surface has not been scratched. There are seven million more who have no church relationship. They are to be found all the way from the homeless in the devastated areas of South Bronx to the millionaires who live in the Park Avenue penthouses.

The lost are lost in all categories, but the heart-wrenching sights are to be found in South Bronx. This is said to be the most devastated area in all the world. Surely this is to be believed.

On a visit to New York City recently the association made arrangements for a tour of the association work and a visit to South Bronx. This is an area of block after block of burned out and gutted apartment buildings where no one can live. The buildings were totally ruined by their inhabitants.

This is an area where three Presidents visited and promised relief, but little has been done. A sign painted on the side of one destroyed building said, "False promises . . . broken dreams."

But for what purpose should the buildings be restored? A restoration project is under way now, but it is slow and can provide homes only for needs of extreme emergency.

The restoration, however, will be wasted. The buildings that are being

rebuilt will be destroyed again.

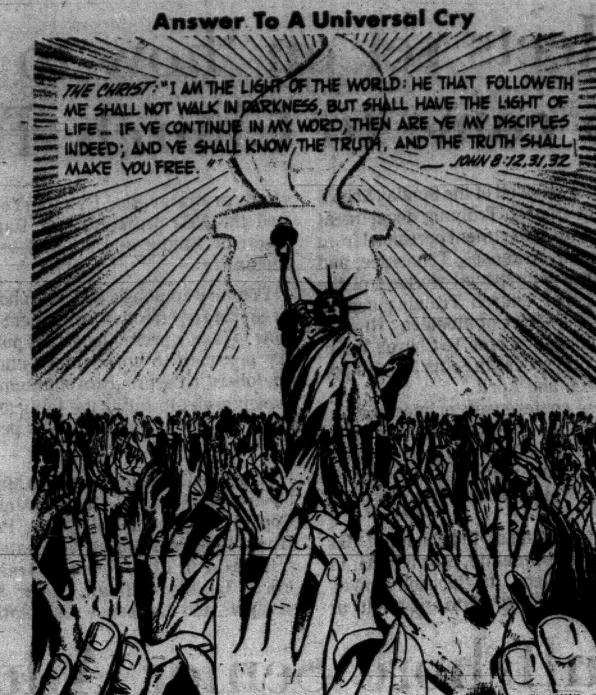
"Leave them to their own misery," one might say. But no, that cannot be the answer. The reason the buildings are destroyed is that the people living in them have no spiritual values. A man who joined the tour to speak of the situation and who was involved in the restoration process said as much. He said the buildings will be rebuilt to be destroyed again unless there is a spiritual change in the lives of the residents.

That is where we come in. That is our job. "All the world" includes South Bronx. The job is tough. Very likely there is not a more difficult place to witness on the face of the earth.

The Home Mission Board is trying. The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association is trying. Both depend on our Home Mission gifts to help them do the job. The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is always critical. It is this year.

Without it the benighted people in South Bronx have absolutely no hope. There is no one else to tell them of the assurance that is to be found in Christ.

And how desperately they need this assurance.



Gladys Bryant

"Bob Douglas sent me flowers Jan. 15, my 30th anniversary in student work," Gladys Bryant said. "And to think he was the student who drove me nearest the point of quitting!" Her blue-green eyes sparkled with laughter. The sun shining on her light brown hair gave it a slight reddish glint.

Bryant is now and has been BSU director 23½ years (two stints) at East Central Junior College, Decatur. For one period of 6½ years she was BSU director at Itawamba Junior College, Fulton. Bob was BSU president when she was at Itawamba. He and his wife live in Chattanooga, where he is a pastor.

In these 30 years of guiding students, Gladys has seen many make professions of faith — though she's kept no record of how many — and she has seen 30 young men surrender to the gospel ministry (all but two or three are still in the ministry). David Kendall while at Itawamba was both saved and called to preach. Joe Cobb, BSU director at NEMJC, surrendered to preach while a student at Itawamba. Four of Gladys' students were appointed as foreign missionaries.

Her talent for counseling is probably an inheritance from her father, A. A. Bryant, who for 50 years was a pioneer preacher in south Mississippi. His last pastorate was at Shelton (Jones). He died 31 years ago.

Gladys recalls, "My earliest memory is of my dad building a fire in the morning while he quoted scripture aloud. I memorized a lot of chapters by listening to him." The first chapters she learned were Psalms 1 and 3, fifth Sundays in his church he declared scripture memorizing days; people stayed all day memorizing and quoting Bible passages. Some said that if they lost their Bibles Brother Bryant would be their "walking Bible," for he could quote whole chapters from almost any Bible book they named.

Gladys' mother, Ella, 92, has lived with her in Decatur for five years. Lots of BSU activities are scheduled at night, but Mrs. Bryant always stays up to hear the 10 o'clock news and to talk to Gladys when she gets home. On Saturdays the two go out to eat. "My mother loves pizza!"

The director, whom the students call "Miss B," likes to embroider and to crochet, and she used to make all her clothes, but she says she doesn't have much time for these now.

She is afraid of water. Though she accepted Christ at nine, she waited a year to profess Him publicly, for she was scared to be baptized. Finally she confessed her fear to her mother, who assured her the Lord would take care of her through the baptismal service.

So then she joined Providence Church,

Forrest County. (She was born in Covington County and grew up in Jones County.) Now she is mission support chairman for the WMU of Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur.

During her childhood and teen years, her parents were often ill. As next to oldest of five, she was responsible for helping her four brothers get ready for school every day. Now the four and their nine children and six grandchildren are scattered — Norris in South Carolina, Ford in Hattiesburg, Ermon in Florida, and her "almost" twin, Bryan, in Texas.

As a girl she felt drawn toward being a foreign missionary. When her constant backaches made that appear impossible, she turned to consideration of home missions. Providence Church members gave her \$40; she arrived at Clarke College with that and one Sunday dress. "But I asked the Lord to provide, and He did." Sometimes people would send her small gifts in letters; other times anonymous givers paid her school fees. She worked when and where possible. At New Orleans Seminary she worked in the library; friends and relatives again helped. Just before final exam time, she still owed money to the seminary. The cashier sent for her and she thought she was to be told she could not graduate. Grinning, he handed her a receipt: "Your bill has been paid, but I can't tell you who paid it." She has never learned who.

The Home Board did not have funds to appoint her when she applied, so she accepted a job with the state Training Union department, when Aubie Wilds was director. For three years she traveled over the state promoting Training Union. One experience she can't forget.

The TU team were at Liberty. Her bedroom window being partly open, she awoke to find snow banked about the foot of her bed.

Claude Morgan, TU team member and later director of the state Church Music department, asked her if she had considered entering student work.

Thus she talked to Charlie Horner, then director of state student work, and he asked her if she would go to East Central.

"I want to be a missionary," she inwardly protested. But as she prayed that Christmas, 1950, she heard the Lord say plainly, "This is your mission." In 1961, she still feels that she made the right decision.

A campus publication, *The Tom-Tom*, recently printed a story about her. Several students were quoted. Scotty Goldman said, "She always has good advice to offer. No matter what the problem, she can relate to the student's view." Steve McKay said, "She is one of the finest Christians I know. She really means a lot to me and has helped me out many times." I think they speak for hundreds who went before them.

God's man needs a friend

By Allen O. Webb

God's man in the pulpit is the person who is always there when sorrow invades a home. He is the counselor when trouble comes, and he joins the rejoicing when there is a birth or some other happy occasion. He is a friend in time of need. He is God's man, the pastor.

A recent article by Clifton Perkins indicated that within three months more than 30 pastors found it necessary to resign with no place to serve.

Faith seeking understanding

By Frank Stagg

The Term Atonement

How often does the word atonement appear in the New Testament? Have you checked? It may surprise one to find it in the King James Version (1611) of the New Testament only once. In Romans 5:11 it translates the Greek *katallasso*, elsewhere rendered "reconciliation."

Stagg William Tyndale (1525) made the first translation of the Greek New Testament into English (Wycliffe in 1380-82 had translated the Bible from Latin into English). Tyndale employed "atonement" in translating Romans 5:11 and was followed by the King James in 1611, "by whom we have now received the atonement." Paul does not say that in Christ God receives appeasement, but in atonement, i.e. oneness or reconciliation.

Atonement in English originally meant "at-one-ment," a state of oneness. This usage can be traced from Chaucer (died 1400) through Shakespeare (died 1616). In this sense the word was introduced into the English Bible by Tyndale and followed by the King James. By the time of Alexander Pope (died 1744) "atonement" had taken on a new different usage, to make satisfaction or payment. This latter usage is not that of Tyndale or King James, and its distorts New Testament meaning.

Webster calls archaic and obsolete

the use of atonement in the sense of reconciliation. But it is the English language which has changed. The Bible has not changed. The meaning which "atonement" conveyed in 1611 is ancient, but it is not archaic and obsolete except to modern English. "Atonement" in the New Testament clearly designates God's action in making "one" with himself and thus with others.

God's Work

The New Testament places the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the center of its message. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "We preach Christ crucified" (1:23) and "I judged to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (2:2). He wrote that without the resurrection, preaching would be empty (15:14) and faith futile (15:17). The gospels make the death and resurrection their climax.

In the death of Jesus, God is the reconciling agent: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor. 5:19). Jesus came not to appear the Father; he came because God so loved the world (John 3:16). God "loved us and sent his son as an offering (not propitiation) for our sins" (1 John 4:10). The Son did not propitiate or appease the Father, as Calvin taught (*Institutes*, II, 16, 2). God expiates sin, i.e., overcomes and removes it. Christ Jesus was God coming not to "save face" but to save man. God was impelled by his own righteous love which could satisfy itself only in coming to man to deliver man from sin and self-destruction. The Crucifixion

of Jesus occurred as God's redeeming love went all the way in Christ's offering of himself to man and as man's depravity went all the way in seeking to destroy that which was offered. Redemption is in what Christ did and does for us, not in what man did and does to him.

Atonement in Romans 5:11 is something which man receives; through Christ we have "received the atonement." Thus God atones (reconciles) man. God is the agent and man the object.

Redemption

The death of Christ is redemptive. Jesus came "to give life a ransom (redemption) for many" (Mark 10:45). The root upon which the Greek words for "ransom" and "redemption" are built means "to loose." Christ came to break sin's hold upon man. It is through his blood that we are redeemed, i.e., loosed or liberated (cf. Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev. 5:9). In the Bible, blood stands for the life given.

The Cross as the way of self-denial, self-sacrifice, or self-giving is the true and living way. It judges and overcomes man's sinful, false, and fatal way of self-trust, self-love, and self-assertion.

Two ways met at Golgotha: God's way of self-giving love and man's self-centered way. Man's only hope of salvation is at the Cross or by the blood (life given) of Jesus Christ. It is only as man's way is judged, condemned, and overcome by Christ's way that man passes from death unto life. One must die with Christ to live with him. (Col. 2:20).

For Us and In Us

Christ died for us. He does more in

that as he awakens us to faith, he enters into us as a living, transforming Presence. There he "crucifies the old man" and creates the new man (cf. John 12:32; Romans 5:5; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20). To be "baptized into Christ" one must be "baptized into his death" (Rom. 6:3). Paul means that to be joined to Christ, to be "in Christ," one must die with him to live thus with him. Jesus taught that a grain of wheat must die to bear fruit (John 12:24). The one trying to save his life destroys it, and the one giving it up to God thereby finds it (12:25). This does not mean that no one slays the old self. Christ does that. Man's part is to yield in repentance and faith to Christ who alone can "crucify the old man." (Gal. 2:20)

Personal Rescue

Christ died and arose more than nineteen centuries ago. Millions are yet as lost in their sins as though he had not come. The Cross does not save automatically. Salvation does not result from believing theological formulations about a divine transaction. Salvation comes when the Savior comes

to overcome the old way through the way of the Cross. Christ saves us. He does not do so by sending us out of the game of life to play it for us. That would save the game but not us. He leaves us in the game; and through the door of our faith (trust), he enters into us to achieve in us what we could not do for ourselves. He liberates, cleanses, heals, renews, and empowers us for a new way of life. This he does by enabling us to die to the old way and come alive to the new.

Letters To The Editor

Ministry at Ashland

Editor:

Ashland Baptist Church is still excited about the many things going on in the new era of the church.

We presented two special programs during the Christmas season. On Dec. 14 the Children's Choir and puppet ministry presented special music. Special guest was Mr. Robert "Steamboat" Fulton, who played Christmas carols on the "giant phone." On Dec. 21 the church choir presented the musical drama, "Home for Christmas." Special guests were Anne Brownlee and Carey Owens, students from the drama department at Blue Mountain College. We are grateful for the continued increase in enrollment of all the choirs in the music ministry.

The WMU under the leadership of President Lillie Jean Renick, set a goal of \$2,750 for the Lottie Moon Offering. The church goal was \$3,550. The

total came to \$4,100. Blondie Crawford, prayer support chairman, had an attractive display proclaiming, "My World, My Life, My Witness."

Ed Sudduth has a ministry at Care Inn at Holly Springs and Rest Haven in Ripley, that reaches 60 people each week. The tape ministry reaches 35 people each week who are unable to attend services. The tape includes the entire Sunday worship services. There is a tract ministry to the jail.

In Children's Church Director Dean Hamilton and Assistant Director Martha Mitchell, using puppets, bring the messages from the Bible. They have been invited to hold a clinic at Blue Mountain College March 27.

The Media Center is continually adding new material.

Roy Hamilton is pastor, and Ed Sudduth is associate pastor and minister of music.

Emma Hudspeth
Ashland

Outstanding Bible Study

Temple Baptist Church of Jackson Association finished its January Bible Study the last Wednesday night in January. Dr. Zeb Brister taught the adult study book on Philippians with 60 people enrolled in the study. This did not include the children who were also having their study at this time.

The people thought this to be an outstanding week because the church has only 85 enrolled in Church Training.

Lee Hudson, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church
Pascagoula

Study progress at Paul

Editor:
A year and a half ago the faculty at Paul Baptist Church (Tallahatchie County) was asked to sign a workers' covenant.

There were the usual things. They agreed to be faithful in their duties,

study their lessons, visit absentees and prospects, etc. The church wanted the teachers to know they had an important assignment — one that would demand their best. All probably failed to some degree, but 18 months later statistics show at least one outstanding fact.

One of the articles the faculty agreed upon was continuing education through the Church Study Course. Each teacher agreed to do his best to complete at least one study course in an area related to his teaching assignment during the year.

Today there are eight teachers in the Sunday School with 72 enrolled. Every teacher has earned a diploma in Christian Development from the Sunday School Board, representing five or more courses completed. Five of the faculty should complete a diploma in Bible Survey by May upon completion of last of six courses in the Bible Survey Series. Three have earned credit for 15 or more courses, and between

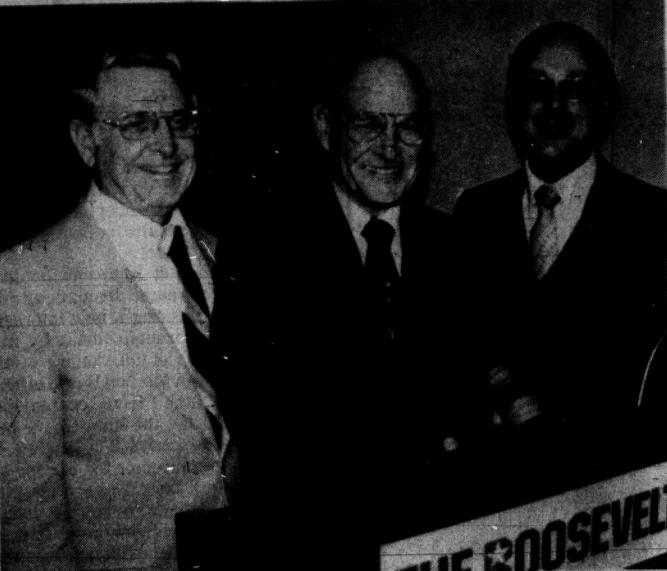
the eight teachers they have earned 101 awards for church study courses.

Since most of the teachers serve in other capacities in the church as well, courses were offered in several areas rather than being confined to the area of Sunday School leadership. Areas covered included Bible



Executive Secretaries' Officers

Joe Ingram, center, executive secretary treasurer of the Baptist General Convention, was elected president of the association of State Baptist Convention Executive Secretaries during their annual meeting in New York City. Robert O. Hughes left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected vice president and Robert Wilson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, was elected secretary-treasurer.



Editors' Officers

Members of the Southern Baptist Press Association named their 1980-81 officers during their annual meeting in New York City. From left, they are Edgar D. editor Florida BAPTIST WITNESS, president elect; Don McGregor, editor BAPTIST RECORD, president; and Bob Terry, editor Missouri Baptist WORD AND WAY, secretary-treasurer.

Washington (Adams) sets March Ministry Evangelism Weekend

Washington Church, Adams Association, has set aside March 13-15 for a Ministry Evangelism Weekend. Sidney Ellis of Greenville, a trained coordinator of lay renewal work, will direct the weekend activities. Ellis has been involved in over 50 such renewal events in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Wyoming.

Howard Taylor, pastor of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, will serve as the learning resource leader.

"Laymen from throughout Mississippi will be our guests for the weekend," states Robert E. Jones, pastor. "These people have come to have a deeper and more personal experience with Christ. They are excited about what they have discovered, they go to other churches at their own ex-

pense, just to share what is happening in their lives. They are deacons, Sunday School teachers, Church Training leaders, choir members, etc."

Washington Church had a Lay Renewal Weekend in March, 1980. The pastor said that it has revitalized the spirit of the church. Some tangible evidences of what the Lay Renewal Weekend did for the church follow: 25% increase in Sunday School attendance, 36% increase in Church Training attendance, 66% increase in prayer meeting attendance, 300% increase in outreach visitation, 52 additions to the church during the church year, most of whom came after the Lay Renewal Weekend, many family altars were either started or

strengthened, the 1980 church budget, after the weekend, began averaging \$200 per week over the budget needs, and the 1981 budget has been increased by 36%. Plans are currently under way for additional new buildings.

Jones stated, "The Ministry Evangelism Weekend creates a real hunger in the lives of church members to discover their spiritual gifts and to be on mission with Jesus. The concept of the ministry of the laity becomes real and the pastor becomes the equipper. Many for the very first time, will really hear Jesus say, 'Come, follow me,' as they read a renewal book, participate in a sharing group, join a lay renewal team, receive training in a lay evangelism school, or receive visions of exciting new ministries that touch the total needs of persons."

The pastor has been involved in every phase of the renewal weekend plans.

Ministry Evangelism Weekend is for the whole family and provisions are made for all ages. Pastors and lay persons from surrounding churches are invited.

Chicora will dedicate sanctuary

Chicora Church, Wayne County, will dedicate its remodeled sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 2 p.m. The congregation moved into the completely renovated auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Wilson W. Boggan and Grady D. Crowell will be guest speakers for the dedication service. Boggan is a former director of missions for Wayne County and Crowell is the present director of missions there. Hal Taylor is the Chicora pastor.

Wake Forest, N. C. (BP) — A \$500,000 pledge has been made to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary by a person who wishes to remain anonymous. The pledge was made toward the school's \$3.5 million capital and endowment funds campaign. The Southern Baptist Convention seminary is in a long range program to "recycle" its entire 140-year-old campus, formerly the home of Wake Forest College, and to expand its financial base. The campaign continues through 1981.

Colonial Heights to give reception for Don Bennett

A reception and autograph party will honor Donald M. Bennett, minister of music at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on Sunday, March 15, following the evening worship service.

The reception follows the release of Bennett's new album, "Songs Unto the Lord." Bennett will present a mini-concert featuring selections from the album, during the worship service at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 5708 Old Canton Road.

W. H. Wilkinson pastor emeritus, dies

William H. Wilkinson, 58, of Montgomery, La., died at home Feb. 22 following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held March 1 at the First Baptist Church in Montgomery. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Braxton Cemetery in Braxton, Miss., with Charles Wesley officiating.

Wilkinson, a McComb native, is survived by his wife, Billye W. Wilkinson of Montgomery; three sons, William H. Wilkinson Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., Jeffrey W. Wilkinson of Franklin, La., and Thomas M. Wilkinson of Alexandria, La.; his mother, Mrs. Augusta H. Wilkinson of Jackson; and a brother.

Wilkinson served as pastor of the Enterprise Baptist Church in Liberty, the Mars Hill Baptist Church in Summit, Miss., and the Baptist Temple Church in Alexandria, La., before becoming pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery. He was pastor emeritus of that church when he died.

Sabah, East Malaysia — International cooperation is helping a church in Malaysia reach people for Christ. A Chinese Baptist church in Sabah, East Malaysia, is using materials from the Baptist Literature Board in Indonesia to reach Malay people. Few Baptist materials are published in Malay, the official language of Malaysia, but it is almost the same as Indonesian, the official language of Indonesia. This type of international cooperation is particularly important now that no foreign missionaries may live in Sabah.

Dakar, Senegal — Fairgoers could find a real bargain at the Baptist mission's booth during the International Fair in Dakar, Senegal. For only a nickel Southern Baptist missionaries offered a packet containing a small gospel tract in Wolof (one of Senegal's major languages) and French, an introduction to the missions's Bible correspondence course, and a 1981 calendar telling about the mission's work on the back.

Velbert, Germany (EP) — The German branch of AMG (an international society whose main ministry is evangelistic ads in secular publications) is apparently getting a good response to a series of whole-page evangelistic ads it recently placed in the German "Donald Duck" comics. The ads offered the comic's approximately two million youthful readers a free evangelistic comic. Requests for the comic arrive daily at the AMG's German headquarters in Velbert, reports the mission's German director, Waldemar Murjahn.

Manila, Philippines — The publications center of the Southern Baptist mission in the Philippines has received the popular autobiography "Joni," by Joni Eareckson, in the national language, Tagalog. The book, an autobiography about a young woman's struggle to live with a disability suffered as a result of a swimming accident, is offered in observance of the "International Year of the Disabled." One peso (about \$1.13) from the sale of each book will go to the country's national Commission for the Disabled for ministry to approximately four million disabled Filipinos.

Linda Epley to give organ recital at MC

The Mississippi College music department presents an organ recital by Mrs. Linda M. Epley, March 5, at 8 p.m., in Provine Chapel on campus.

Mrs. Epley is assistant professor of music at Louisiana College, Pineville, La. She holds a master of church music degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is working on a doctorate in musical arts from North Texas State University.

Her performance is part of an exchange recital program. Last fall, Billy Trotter, assistant professor of music at MC, held a recital at Louisiana College.

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Mission results in baptisms in Honduras

Mississippi Baptists who made a mission trip to Ocotillo, Honduras Jan. 17-24, were Katie Kemp, Mary Barrier, Sherry Caraway and Mason Caraway, Noxapater; Carter Dobbs, Calhoun City; Joe McGuire, Bruce; Connie Croft, Steens; Jimmy Dobbs, Indiana; Hugh and Jean Martin, Christine Fulton, Philadelphia; Shirley Fulton, Brent Thomas, Jeff Johnson, Steve Glaze, Bob Cook, Bob Megginson, and Gail Gilbert, Jackson. This trip was coordinated to assist Charles and Carolyn Herrington, independent Baptist missionaries in the field. Mason Caraway of Noxapater reports: "The needs there were many, physical as well as spiritual. During the trip we

group treated 1,400 individuals in the medical and dental clinic, with 1,210 teeth extracted. All food, medical supplies and water had to be carried to the area as all native food was contaminated. The only place to take a bath was in the mountain streams."

Worship services were held during the day and a revival at night. Those accepting Christ as their saviour were baptized in streams. In the picture above, Hugh Martin, pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church, Neshoba County, is baptizing a group of new Christians.

A goal for Training Union was set to earn 750,000 awards, and 756,000 awards were earned; the number of training schools was suggested as 12,000 and 12,500 were held; a goal of 7,500 enlargement campaigns was set, and 2,525 campaigns were conducted. Thus, the value of the associational emphasis was evident.

Chester Quarles, who had been in the meeting in which Holcomb threw out the challenge, sought to promote the same emphasis in Mississippi. There is not a better system of associational missions in the world than that promoted by Mississippi Baptists. It is second to none, in the areas covered. At the present, every association has someone serving either as foster missionary or regular missionary, unless they are in a transition period in calling a new director of missions. It is our dream that every association be blessed with a full-time or part-time director of missions.

Eulalia Reynolds Guyton scholarship set at BMC

A scholarship fund in memory of Mrs. Eulalia Reynolds Guyton has been established at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., by her sister, Miss Lillie D. Brown, Kosciusko, and her four sons, Charles L. Guyton, Patrick F. Guyton, Mobile, Ala., Samuel P. Guyton, Lakewood, Colo., and Stephen L. Guyton, Tupelo, Miss.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to deserving girls from any state or foreign country on the basis of economic need and fine character. The scholarships may be renewable annually provided the recipients continue to demonstrate satisfactory grades

and fine character.

Mrs. Eulalia Reynolds Guyton attended Blue Mountain College from 1928-30. Her Christian character and interest in others were apparent during her college days and throughout her lifetime. Her dedication and commitment and her love for Blue Mountain College prompted her family to honor her memory by providing an opportunity for others to develop similar characteristics.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship may write to E. Harold Fisher, president, Blue Mountain College.

Clear Creek remembers John F. Carter

PINEVILLE, KY. — D. M. Aldridge recently directed the first Founder's Day service at the Clear Creek Baptist School.

President Aldridge in his chapel address, gave a nostalgic look back in the school's history and a firm pledge of continuing to train adults for Christian service.

He told of three men who contributed the vital leadership that determined the purpose of the school; L. C. Kelly, R. P. Mahon and John F. Carter. Kelly was at the time, pastor of the Pineville First Baptist Church and served as the school's first president. Mahon was academic advisor and John F. Carter, instructor.

Aldridge displayed L. C. Kelly's "preaching coat" used by the late preacher over fifty years ago and his Bible which was purchased in 1917. Pictures of Kelly and Mahon were displayed on the pulpit along with books written by the late Dr. Carter who served several years here and later retired from Clarke College in Newton, Mississippi. He remained active until his death in July, 1980.

Caracas — The Baptist Convention of Venezuela has approped a "Plan del Millon" setting a goal of one million church members by the year 2000. The annual assembly this month was the best-attended in the history of the Convention, with nearly 700 persons present at the opening session. Paul Eustache was elected President for 1981. The Convention received thirteen new congregations, bringing the total in affiliation to 83. (EBPS)



Patterson and Rodgers

Delta gives check to Village

Representing the Delta Airline employee's Fair Share Committee, Tom Patterson of Southaven presented a generous check to T. Deane Rodgers, assistant executive director of the Baptist Children's Village. Patterson stated that the Children's Village was selected because of the large number of Delta employees living in North Mississippi and that they felt there was no greater need than helping the children at the Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County.

According to Patterson, the employees of Delta Airlines in Memphis contribute over \$25,000 annually to various worthy organizations and hope to include the Baptist Children's Village in regular and expanding benefactions.



Stephen L. Guyton, Tupelo, Miss. (L.) and E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College as Guyton presents the scholarship document.

Seminary sends students on mission to Montana

NEW ORLEANS — Twelve seminary students, sponsored by New Orleans Seminary, will fly to Billings, Mont. for a week-long mission trip. Seminary students, Charles Lewis and Lenny Shores, will fly two six-passenger planes that will leave New Orleans Lakefront Airport on March 14. The group will return the following Saturday.

The mission group will be divided into two six-man teams. One team will remain in Billings and promote an organized revival through local Baptist churches. This group will do survey work in the Billings area. The other group will travel from Billings to Red Lodge on the slopes of the Rocky Mountains about an hour to the south. Their work will consist of personal evangelism and Bible study.

Bill Phillips of Trinity Baptist Church and Larry Gandy of Rimrock Baptist Church will direct the group in Billings. Jack Fortenberry, who is involved in church planting in Montana

and Wyoming, will direct the Red Lodge group. All three are N.O.B.T.S. graduates.

Don Stewart, executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary, told the group of volunteers at a recent planning session that this year's mission trip is an expansion over last year. "We are hoping to enlarge this program even more in the future."

He told the group of the need to help the people who work in areas like Montana gain some ground in their work.

"When we go in the right spirit God will prepare the people and prepare us for victory in Christ," he said.

Those students involved in the Red Lodge resort ministry are: Lenny Shores of Marianna, Fla.; Robin Heath of Nashville, Tenn.; Howard Peak of Walker, La.; Robbie Watson of Olive Branch, Miss.; Glen Howie of Start, La.; and Dennis Brown of Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Billings group includes: Charles Lewis of Tampa, Fla.; Dan Caldwell of Lantana, Fla.; George Dubose of Brenton, Ala.; Don Currence of Eldon, Mo.; Keith Bennett of Ridgeland, Miss.; and Pat Andrews of Wentzville, Mo.

Monte Carlo — Trans-World Radio, since being launched here in 1960, has sent out gospel radio programmes in 35 languages throughout Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. In the past 20 years, recording studios in Norway, Spain, England, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, and France have assumed production tasks and correspondence with listeners. (EDBPS)

Love retires in Memphis

MEMPHIS (BP) — Henry E. Love, one of Southern Baptist's pioneers in religious education, retired Feb. 1 amid ceremony as administrator of First Baptist Church, Memphis. He is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss. and a former member of Main Street Church there.

The ceremony a week before Love's 68th birthday included presentations of a plaque and cash gifts, a "love roast," and a reception.

Stepping down after almost 11 years at First Baptist, Love also closed out a career spanning more than 40 years as a religious educator at First Baptist churches in Jackson, Miss., Shreveport, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Tulsa, and Tampa.

President of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association in 1965-66, Love also headed the Oklahoma Baptist Religious Education Association and the Southwest Baptist Religious Education Association.

Love has been equally active on denominational boards and committees, currently serving as a trustee on the Baptist Sunday School Board.

At First, Jackson, Love was assistant to Pastor W. A. Hewitt.



OAKLAND CHURCH held a coronation ceremony Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Five Actees were crowned as Queens. Left to right, they are: Jimmy Lynn Burns, Dana Cook, Sandy Morgan, Susan Burns, and Angela Eubanks. Dana Cook also completed requirements to become Queen-with-a-Scepter. Mrs. Fae Ross, WMU State Board member from Oakland, presented the awards. Buford C. Sellers, pastor, charged the girls to continue the good work. Mrs. Gerald Ford is the Actees leader.



GILLSBURG CHURCH, Mississippi Association, on Feb. 8 celebrated and dedicated to the ongoing work of God a debt-free pastorum. The house, top photo, has 2600 sq. ft. and is air-conditioned and centrally heated. It comprises four bedrooms, three baths, dining and living room, den, foyer, breakfast nook, kitchen, utilities and storage room, a second storage room, and double carport.

Construction was completed in 1979. To pay the contractor the congregation borrowed \$22,500 on an eight-year loan. In less than fifteen months the notes were paid. They were burned Feb. 8. Pictured are the pastor, trustees, treasurer, and Building Committee. The women, left to right, are Barbara Bishop, Gwendolyn Bean, Judy Harrell, and Alene Wall. The men, left to right, are Joseph L. Small, pastor; Rickey Stewart, J. D. Jones, Tyrone Harrell, John Smith, and Leopold Williams. Not pictured and on the Building Committee was Walter Carpenter.

Overseas relief rises 83 percent

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists gave 83 percent more for overseas hunger and relief in 1980 than in 1979, says John R. Cheyne, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultant for relief ministries.

Cheyne says the increase pushed 1980 giving to an all-time high of \$5,869,664 and will enable the Foreign Mission Board to plan more projects to deal with the underlying causes of world hunger.

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Patient witness begins to show results in Israel

By Susan Cahen

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Years of patient witness are beginning to show encouraging results for Southern Baptist work in Israel.

Professions of faith and baptisms both have increased dramatically during 1980, reflecting a new interest in Christianity brought about by more than 50 years of missionary efforts, says a Foreign Mission Board official.

"I don't think I have seen anything like this during the time I have been area director," says J. D. Hughey, the board's area director for Europe and the Middle East. "There is no mass movement anywhere, but just a growing interest in religion in general and Christianity in particular and more specifically in Baptists."

Baptist work in what is now Israel was started by a Syrian in 1911, but Southern Baptists accepted responsibility for Palestine in 1921. Missionaries have been at work there since 1923 — long before the Republic of Israel was created in 1948.

Today, throughout Israel, Hughey can point to examples of an increasingly successful Baptist witness, and the number of baptisms is the largest in the past decade.

In the past year there have been eight baptisms in the village of Tur'an. Israeli businessman Suhail Ramadan

and his family moved to Tur'an from Nazareth so they could "proclaim the gospel." The village had been a mission point for Nazareth Baptist Church. Now Ramadan must commute to Nazareth for work. His wife has begun a kindergarten in Tur'an as a means of witnessing in the village.

Southern Baptist missionaries Ray and Beverly Hicks also have moved to Tur'an to help strengthen this newly responsive area.

Nazareth Baptist Church, in an area that has for some time had encouraging response to the Baptist witness, reported 31 baptisms between June 1 and Oct. 31, the end of the reporting year. On the last Sunday in October, the church had 240 people attending Sunday School, the largest group ever.

Much of the Baptist influence in Nazareth and the whole Galilee area has been due to the Nazareth Baptist School, Hughey says. There are 600 pupils of varied backgrounds and "Baptists have become known and respected. Doors have opened for a Christian witness through this school."

"It is unashamedly Christian," Hughey adds. Regular chapel services and even revival services are held in the school for faculty and students.

Other significant events of the past year in the development of Baptist work in Israel have been: The remodeling of West Jerusalem Baptist Church to provide more space for a growing congregation; reopening of the Christian Service Training Center after a three-year interval; 55 professions of faith and four commitments to full-time Christian service at a summer camp session at Baptist Village, Petah Tiqva, and a leadership seminar which trained 22 young people (there are only seven national Baptist pastors in Israel).

Hughey also cited the home ministries work of three missionary

couples, who are establishing house churches with groups of up to 25 to 30 people meeting for worship and Bible study.

Another area of optimism for future work, Hughey says, is the significant number of Jews who are messianic, but don't call themselves Christian because of the historical connotation of the term Christian. There is no defined group of these people but there is an indigenous movement where they are beginning to find each other, and contact with Christian groups, including Baptists, are increasing, he said.

It is difficult for these people to convert, Hughey explained, as acts of violence very often are perpetrated against them. Because those who abandon Judaism very often have serious problems to contend with, he added, frequently the messianic Jew and the Jewish Christian still claim to be Jewish — they simply find in Jesus Christ the fulfillment of Judaism.

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Winston County chooses Utah churches as missions partners

The Executive Committee of Winston County Association has approved southern Utah as the association's area of "primary interest in pioneer missions." During the week of Feb. 9-15, Jerry Stevens, director of missions, was sent to the churches of southern Utah on a fact-finding mission. Dick Ashworth, area missionary in Utah, was his host.

Stevens reports, "My interest was to determine the greatest need of the churches and pastors in that area. I traveled more than 4,000 miles. We drove more than 2,500 miles in order to visit 17 churches. I held 28 interviews on the fields of 17 churches. I found the work there more solid than I had thought. I found the pastors to be Southern Baptist, well grounded in the faith; the laymen had a commitment badly needed in all our churches."

Roland Crawford has been called as pastor of New Hope Church, Greene County.

Richard Lister, Jr. (pictured) joined the staff of Madison Church, January 1981. He will be serving as minister through music and to youth. He attended Mississippi College and served First Church, Summit, Miss., and Forest Hills Church, Anderson, S.C. before coming to Madison Church.

Lister is married to the former Susan Shaw. They have two sons, Richie and Jeremy.

Kevin Mays is the new minister of music and youth at Bassfield Church. He began his work in Bassfield on Feb. 22nd.

Mays is originally from Tampa, Fla. and is a first year student at William Carey College. Tommy Arinder is pastor at Bassfield.

New Pleasantdale Church, Philadelphia, has welcomed Randolph Scott as its new pastor. Scott and his wife Maurice have one son, Mike.

Gary Lewis has resigned as Hardy's minister of music. He will serve as minister of music at Cascilla Church.

L. W. Haselmaier has accepted the pastorate of Johnson Creek Church, Greene Association. He previously served this church in the early sixties. He lives at Picayune and will drive over on weekends.

"I found the needs overwhelming. A few of the pastors receive no salary at all from their churches. Many live in mobile homes. The largest church had 129 in attendance the Sunday before our visit; the smallest church had two."

"Almost without exception, the first desire of those interviewed was that we here in Mississippi pray for them. They rejoiced—their faces lighted up, as they said, 'It is so good to know someone back there in the Bible belt cares about us out here!' I know now why the Apostle Paul received such joy in visiting and writing to the churches out there on the cutting edge. I understand better the joy the churches experienced when Paul visited them."

Each of the Winston County churches is being assigned a partner church in southern Utah. Already

Harmony Church has sent a gift of money to First Baptist, Blanding, Utah, and First, Louisville, has sent a gift of money to First Baptist, Cedar City, Utah. South Louisville has voted to send its pastor, Oran Gardner, and minister of music, Mike Rogers, to First Church, Blanding, expenses paid, to conduct a week of revival services.

Youth rally will precede Robison Crusade

A youth rally will be held on Saturday, March 7, in connection with the Central Mississippi James Robison Crusade in Jackson. The rally will feature evangelist Jay Strack, a Southern Baptist of Fort Worth, Texas.

The rally will begin at 6 p.m. at Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

The Central Mississippi James Robison Crusade begins March 22 and runs through March 27 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia — Southern Baptist missionary Lauralee Lindholm taught 20 delegates from nine evangelical groups how to write programmed lessons for Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in a recent seminar in Bishoftu, Ethiopia.

Springfield ordains Pulaski pastor

Springfield Baptist Church, Morton, ordained James Robert (Bob) Smith to the ministry on Feb. 1, at the request of Pulaski Baptist Church to which he has been called as pastor.

Scripture was read by Larry Duncan, pastor of East Morton Church, and C. B. Bryant, pastor, New Good Hope Church, led in prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by James E. Watts, pastor of Springfield Church.

The church to the candidate was given by Ron Mercer, pastor of Causeyville Church, and Holmes Carlisle, director of missions, Scott Association, led the ordination prayer.

The charge to the church was given by Curtis Roland, pastor of Lorena Church. Truman Manning presented Bob with a Bible from Springfield Church.

On January 11, Smith began serving Pulaski Church where he and his wife Sharon were welcomed with a pounding and a silver tray.

With The Children

We are justly proud of Willie and Fred Martin, twin brothers, and longtime residents of our Group Home in New Albany. Willie and Fred, along with their twin sisters, Charlotte and Charlene, are Seniors at New Albany's High School this year. This unusual state of affairs has previously been brought to the attention of Village friends in these paragraphs. Now, we are pleased to report that Willie and Fred, both of whom were stand-out football athletes in school days, each have been offered a football scholarship to Northeast Junior College in Booneville. We congratulate these two fine young men!

Some of the young people on our Farm Manor Campus look forward to plans already made for them for the Spring, which include both entertainment and inspiration. Trips to Camp Cordova with groups from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Independence; outings with friends from First Methodist Church of Hernando; and numbers of special field trips arranged through the Tate County Schools of their attendance are included in the activities which youngsters on our "country-life campus" will enjoy before the close of the current public school session.

The Baptist Children's Village undertakes to inform, and even train, its staff, even as staff members actively serve our children in group, residential care. We have always believed that in-service training was especially helpful to and important for our houseparent staff — those men and women who actually live-in the cottages with our children as surrogate parents and thus have the first and most critical responsibility for the children's welfare.

The Village believes that it is fortunate to have on its staff trained and experienced professionals with personality and temperament well suited

to deliver on-the-job training to our houseparent staff attractively and effectively. Mrs. Peggy S. Taylor, a 15-year veteran of Village service, in addition to her considerable professional and clinical experience in related child care fields has recently returned to Jackson and the Village staff in the capacity of Social Service Coordinator. A significant portion of Mrs. Taylor's time and an important part of her assignment is in the area of houseparent training. Houseparents currently assigned to training meet with Mrs. Taylor weekly. In addition, the entire staff on the India Nunnery Campus in Jackson, through the courtesy of Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson, one of our host churches, is currently participating in the James Dobson series, "Focus on the Family."

"Spring Break" is an important time in the life of most young people enrolled in the public schools, and Village youngsters are no exception. Fishing trips, skating parties and over-night treats tend to fill our activities calendar at every Village location, and we are grateful. We believe these refreshing opportunities mean more to our young people than just entertainment, as many of them face the last few weeks of the public school session, somewhat tired of the academic routine, but at a time when they need to make a new start in order to attain passing grades in school.

Chief among features to be enjoyed by residents of the India Nunnery Campus in Jackson are a March 10 puppet presentation in Powell Chapel by visitors from the 28th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and a March 6 "Spring Break-In" for teenagers. During the latter, the film "Solo" will be exhibited, there will be a session on goal-setting and a concert by a visiting, contemporary music group of college young people from Highland Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. The group is on tour and is under the direction of Bobby Ready.

Presenting Our Staff

McNeely Neal
Auzie McNeely, left, Housefather in Dean Cottage, Farrow Manor Campus with 10 years of Village Service.
Jo Ann Neal, right, General Secretary and Supply with 2 years of Village service.

Mrs. M. E. (Bertha) Middleton has joined about 25 others of the Crowder Church in having read the Bible through 1980. The unusual thing about Mrs. Middleton's having read it is that she did it with a magnifying glass. She was 89 on Jan. 5. Mrs. Lilla Lane, a resident of Cleveland Convalescent

Middleton Center, read the Bible through last year at the age of 96. Lisa Austin was the youngest to read it through. She was 11 in January. Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.

Ollen G. Brown will be ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Robinhood Church, Rankin County. The pastor, Mike Pennock, will preach the ordination sermon. Brown was licensed April 2, 1961 at Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, when J. H. Sherman was pastor. He is involved in the outreach ministry of Robinhood Church.

Big Level Church, Gulf Coast, ordained Tim Webb to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Feb. 15.

First Church, Long Beach, ordained Michael Hutchinson to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Jan. 25. Hutchinson is pastor of a mission in Pass Christian.

Birmingham, Ala. (BP) — Ethel McIndoo of Nashville, Tenn., has been named nationwide consultant for Mission Friends and Girls in Action for Woman's Missionary Union effective in March. Mission Friends is the Southern Baptist missions organization for preschoolers and Girls in Action is for girls in grades 1 through 6.

Joey Julian Brent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Brent, was ordained to the gospel ministry Feb. 15 at Adaton

Church, where he has served as youth director. A senior at Mississippi State University, he is married to Kathy Jennings of Brandon. He plans to attend Southwestern Seminary. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Higdon Walker of Jackson, members of the Parkway Church. Walker attended Provine High School and Mississippi State University. He grew up in the Parkway Church, Jackson.

Brent Scripture reading and presentation of the Bible in the ordination service were done by Rodney Rowlen. Special music was by William Stephens. The charge to the church was by Rocky Holston; the charge to the candidate was by Bill Garrett. LeRoy Howell led in the ordination prayer. There was a reception for Brent after the service.



Mississippi was well represented at the 1981 Lake Yale (Fla.) Recreation Lab. Eighteen of the 27 participants are pictured. Rec Lab is six laboratory experiences in the area of Christian Recreation. The Church Recreation Department of Baptist Sunday School Board annually provides two Rec Labs in January at Lake Yale, and at Glorieta, New Mexico. Participants of Rec Lab (L to R front row): John Rainey, Gene Jordan, Tom Prather, Steve Stricklen, Robin Nichols, (2nd row) Gary Baxter, Don Hintze, Linda Smith, Janet Evans, Michelle Rainey, D. D. Elizey, Christa Hutcherson. (3rd row) Glen Shows, Joe May, Dennis Smith, Charles Nikolic, Tommy Anthony and Don Morrison.

Bobby Walker, who formerly was pastor in Mississippi and Texas, is now pastor of Five Points Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C. He received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., in December, 1980, graduation exercises. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Higdon Walker of Jackson, members of the Parkway Church. Walker attended Provine High School and Mississippi State University. He grew up in the Parkway Church, Jackson.

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Special Projects

From time to time across the years, church auxiliaries, service clubs and other community organizations have, on occasion, expressed interest to our staff in helping the Village accomplish a needed aim through some medium other than a cash contribution. In recent weeks and months, it would appear that this type interest has been rekindled and redoubled, particularly among Baptist men's groups who seek mission projects, among W.M.U. groups and children's auxiliaries, for the same reasons. The needs of the Village and its children are great, particularly during these recent years of inflated prices when so many services, and some goods and products have become priced beyond our means. Therefore, we would be neither honest, nor faithful to our assignment if we did not tell all of our friends that the need for operating money remains our greatest need. We are a purely voluntary, private agency with no source of income other than contributions of Baptist churches and individuals. However, if we can receive some qualified, organized, structured help from groups of Baptist friends with projects such as building repair, grounds maintenance, furnishing of small appliances, curtains and drapes and similar depreciable items which are so necessary to cottage life; then, the limited funds which we can make available for such purposes can be released and utilized in some other area, so necessary and so personal to our children. Therefore, as always, we do welcome help with these "special projects," and we have undertaken to provide a contact system through which interest in the projects might be expressed and by which that interest might be implemented into action.

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McGraw and Glaze
Henry Glaze congratulates Karl McGraw on his 20th anniversary.

An Anniversary

On February 10, the Village staff surprised our friend and associate, Mr. Karl K. McGraw with a luncheon in Jackson, commemorating his 20th year of service to our Baptist child care agency. At the luncheon, attended by many of our staff members, Mr. McGraw was presented with a letter of commendation from our Board of Trustees; an engraved wrist watch as a gift from his fellow staff members; a plaque; household gifts for himself and Mrs. McGraw, and a number of humorous mementos.

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"Dress A Child At Easter"

his clothing needs, even if he comes to live at the Village somewhat later than Easter Sunday. Obviously, Easter was basis for reasons of convenience.

We seek to commercialize a Christian observance, nor do we suggest that Sundays other than Easter are not also holy and meaningful to Christians. Our sole object — our real object — is to encourage our friends to help us with the increasingly expensive assignment of adequately dressing our children.

Although, as indicated, the cash gift to the Easter Fund is preferred and most practical; we recognize the desire of some of our friends to be more personal in their giving. Therefore, those desiring to have the name, age and other statistical information of a child or children whom they will sponsor at Easter can accomplish their purposes by contacting the Village's Social Service Department in Jackson at P.O. Box 11308, Jackson, 39213 or at telephone No. 922-2242. Cash gifts may be sent for named and designated children and our staff will shop for the donor, or, if the donor, insists, names and statistical information on children to be sponsored at Easter will be forwarded by mail in order that the donor may sew or shop in his or her home area.

This year, Easter is Sunday, April 19. Because we are responsible for many children at four different locations, we must complete our plans early.

Mr. and Mrs. Individual Baptist, won't you help us this year?

"Children — Our Special Trust"

On Tuesday, April 28, in Powell Chapel and Hester Activities Building on the India Nunnery Campus of the Village, the third, annual "Children — Our Special Trust" program will be presented. By this special emphasis and focus upon group, residential child care from the Christian perspective, our staff seeks to better inform friends and supporters of the Village and its children concerning our mission ministry, the needs of children who come to our custodial care, and most importantly, the nature and detail of our ministry's program. We want Vil-

Tuesday, April 28, remaining as our guests for the noon luncheon hour. In addition to the interesting glimpse we expect to afford of many facets of our child care service, we are pleased and honored this year to announce that Mississippi's First Lady, Mrs. William F. Winter, will be our featured, inspirational speaker. Mrs. Winter's interest in and work with children for many years past is well-known in this state, and we are favored to have her join our group child care emphasis on April 28. We hope you can attend and help us bid her welcome.

McNeely Neal
Auzie McNeely, left, Housefather in Dean Cottage, Farrow Manor Campus with 10 years of Village Service.
Jo Ann Neal, right, General Secretary and Supply with 2 years of Village service.

Devotional

Do you mean what you pray?

By J. C. Mitchell, Director of Missions
Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha Associations

Matthew 6:5-15

(New American Standard Bible)

In the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel Jesus gave some helpful instructions to His disciples about praying. It is interesting to note that Jesus apparently assumed that His followers would pray. In Matthew 6:5 He indicated this assumption in His words, "And when you pray..." In Matthew 6:6 He also said to His disciples, "But you, when you pray..." And in the very next verse, verse 7, He said, "And when you are praying..."

Whether those first disciples of Jesus prayed as they should, and whether present day believers pray as they should is difficult to say. Certainly some do, and probably many do not. The clear teaching of the Bible is that Christians ought to pray. "Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1). "Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

In His teaching in Matthew 6:5-15 Jesus talked about praying with sincerity (not in order to be seen by men), with purpose (not meaningless repetition), and with appropriateness (the model prayer, 6:9-13). All three of these qualities are important in prayer, but sincerity is absolutely essential. This thought leads to the question, "Do you mean what you pray?"

No person likes to have his sincerity questioned, especially about such a serious and personal matter as prayer. I would not presume to question your sincerity, but I ought to be willing to assess my own. Will you do the same?

For instance, do we mean what we pray when we say to God, "Thy will be done"? That sounds wonderful, and it is, if it is meant sincerely. But what if God's will includes giving a tenth and more of our income to His cause? What if God's will is to use my life in some special calling, or the life of one of my children? If it is God's will that we ask someone's forgiveness, change our life-style or love our enemies, how sincerely can we pray "Thy will be done"?

Do we mean what we pray when we ask God to remove those things that hinder our life in Christ? This is an admirable but a very serious request. What if a person's job is a hindrance? What if one's family is allowed to be a hindrance? In Luke 12:13-21 Jesus described a man whose prosperity was apparently a hindrance to his spiritual welfare. God can remove hindrances to our spiritual progress, but we need to be sincere if we ask Him to do it.

You see the point and you can continue to make the application. If we pray that God will fill us with His Spirit, revive our churches, transform our nation, save the lost, or make other like requests, let's remember that all of these things will directly involve us...and probably cost us in some way.

Let us "pray without ceasing," but let us be sure we mean what we pray.

What can your 'Annie' offering provide?

1. \$500 will move a bi-vocational pastor to his place of service.

2. \$250 will rent a building for a church to meet in for one month.

3. \$200 will supply a car allowance for a mission pastor.

4. \$110 will support a summer missionary for one week. (Money comes from Home Mission Board and local sources.) Includes food, housing, transportation, and small stipend.

5. \$50 will buy any of the following: 83 meals for disaster relief, 16 blankets for disaster relief, 1,000 bricks for rebuilding after a disaster, 17 pounds of 8-penny nails for rebuilding after a disaster, 200 shots of insulin for diabetics deprived of their supply during a natural disaster.

6. \$40 will buy 20 cassette tapes of lessons in "survival" English for Indochinese refugees who are being resettled in the United States and cannot talk with their sponsors.

7. \$30 will buy Bibles for a struggling mission church.

8. \$20 will provide activities at a Baptist center for one adult or child for one year.

9. 75¢ of \$1 will provide a meal for someone who comes to activities at a Baptist center.

10. 25¢ will support one child in an activity such as Bible study classes, craft classes, recreational groups, or buy refreshments for the child. (WMU/HMB)

Novi Sad, Yugoslavia (EP) — Yugoslavian Protestants have formed the Council of Evangelical Christians, an interdenominational, co-operative grouping of most of the nation's Protestant denominations. One hundred people — including 50 pastors from seven denominations — met in De-

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Kingdom of heaven, kingdom of God, occur many times in the Bible. They all refer to the same thing. It refers to a state of things which the Messiah was to set up... His spiritual reign began in the heart, the church, and completed in heaven. A householder — The head or master of a family estate. His vineyard — A large part of Judea was cultivated in grapes. Vineyards are often used to represent a fertile or well-cultivated place, and therefore the church, denoting the care and culture that God has bestowed upon it.

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